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the first time in the history of the world, the people of the United States have been called upon to decide whether they will submit to the law of force, and let a single human being, or a small number of human beings, decide whether they will live or die.

1. In late September 1950 orders from South China for North China commodities included the following:
  - a. A Hong Kong merchant ordered 300 tons of No. 1 and No. 2 pig iron from Anshan (122-57, 41-04).
  - b. The East China Construction Company of Shanghai ordered one ton of asphalt and 100 tons of hard pitch from the Northeast Industrial Engineering Bureau in Mukden.
  - c. The Chungking Trade Company bought 5,000 drums of diesel oil in Tuncheng (17-18) and Hankow. The shipment was on its way to Chungking on 29 September.
2. Movements of goods by inland waterways were reported as follows:
  - a. On 27 September the SS HUANG SHAN (黄山), towing barge No. 364, left Shanghai for Hankow with 700 barrels of petroleum.
  - b. On 28 September a Min (民) class landing craft No. 303 went from Fuzhou (118-44, 32-06) to Shanghai towing barge No. 111 with 2,000 tons of coal.
  - c. The Min Sheng Company contracted to ship 300 tons of wood pulp from Nanjing to Chungking for the Southwest Paper Mill.
  - d. The Southwest Communications Depot on 5 October ordered its navigation bureau to send two landing craft of the Hua (华) class to Hankow to ship bulldozers and other road building equipment to Chungking. The Hankow equipment belongs to the 2 Field Army.
3. In early October the Hua Hsin (華新) Cement Works at Tayeh (114-56, 30-05) will send 20,500 tons of cement to Hankow.

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